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DATE:

February 3, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

Hain Celestial- Peanut Recall

**SUGGESTED** 

**ACTION:** 

Ethnic Food Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled products were distributed nationally to supermarkets and other food stores, and sold in the frozen foods section. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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Hain Celestial Voluntarily Issues Nationwide Recall of Certain Ethnic Gourmet® Pad Thai And Kung Pao Frozen Food Products, And Certain Gluten Free™ Café Asian Curry Products. Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Melville, New York, January 31, 2009--The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. of Melville, New York announced that it is taking the precautionary measure of recalling certain Ethnic Gourmet® and Gluten Free Café™ frozen foods because they contain peanut products supplied by Peanut Corporation of America, which is the subject of an FDA investigation concerning recent Salmonella outbreaks. No illnesses have been reported in connection with the recalled products, and no other types of Ethnic Gourmet or Gluten Free Café frozen foods are being recalled.

The recalled products are distributed nationally to supermarkets and other food stores, and sold in the frozen foods section.

Ethnic Gourmet ChickenPad Thai 10 oz UPC code # 18687-70054 lot codes beginning with "WC7"



Ethnic Gourmet Pad Thai wih Shrimp 10 oz UPC code # 18687-10411 lot codes beginning with "WC7" and "WC8"

Ethnic Gourmet Pad Thai wth Tofu 10 oz UPC code # 18687-10402 lot codes beginning with "WC7" and "WC8"

Gluten Free Café Asian Noodles 9.2 oz UPC code # 70795-03504 lot codes beginning with "WC8"

Trader Ming's Spicy Kung Pao Chicken UPC code # 037952 lot codes beginning with "WC7M" and "WC8"

Trader Joe's Vegan PadThai with Tofu
UPC code # 026322
lot codes beginning with "WC7" and "WC8"

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at http://www.cdc.gov. The FDA and other regulatory agencies have indicated that Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) is the focus on their investigation concerning a recent Salmonella outbreak thought to be caused by tainted peanut products. PCA has supplied Hain Celestial with the peanuts, which were used in the products being recalled by this notification.

Consumers who have purchased any products covered by this recall are urged to return them to the store of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions or concerns about the recall may call the company at 1-800-739-4838 (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mountain Time).

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